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The Honorable Michael Connor
Commissioner
United States Bureau of Reclamation
1849 C Street, NW
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Dear Commissioner Connor:

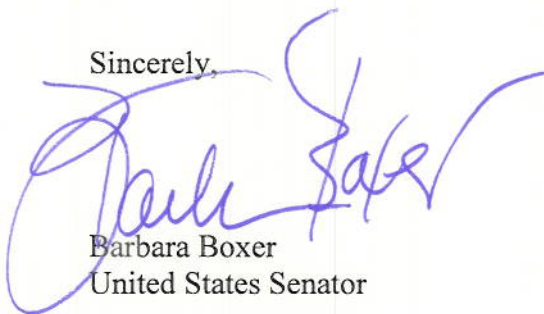
I wanted to join my colleagues in expressing concern that the United States Bureau of Reclamation is considering repurposing an estimated 340,00 acre feet of rescheduled water that Central Valley Project (CVP) contractors hold in San Luis Reservoir.

It is wrong for the Bureau to back down from its obligations to CVP contractors, who have counted on their ability to reschedule purchased CVP water in wetter years to use in drier years.

They did the prudent thing and must not be punished for it. Given the major drought California is facing, it would be incomprehensible for the Bureau not to honor these agreements.

I look forward to your immediate and favorable response as well as working with you to address California's unprecedented drought.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barbara Boxer", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

Barbara Boxer
United States Senator